GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL GAS
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a dispute among Union Government and State Governments regarding Act for supply and distribution of natural gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the dispute with State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b) Government have expressed its concern on the Gujarat Gas (Regulation of Transmission, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2001 enacted by the Government of Gujarat in the matter of supply and distribution of natural gas, which is a Union subject and the Central Government is of the view that the State Governments do not have jurisdictional competence.

(c) With regard to the legislative competence of the Union Government and State Government on the subject `Natural Gas/liquefied natural gas (LNG)`, a Presidential reference has been made to the Supreme Court under Article 143 of the Constitution for its opinion.